

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Closure Plan and Negative Declaration for the Closure of an Industrial Waste Line located at the Former Norton Air Force Base San Bernardino, CA

The California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is notifying the public of a **draft Closure Plan (dCP)** and **Negative Declaration (ND)** involving the Industrial Waste Line (IWL) located at the former Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, California. The Industrial Waste Line (IWL) is an underground pipe system that is currently unused. The IWL once transported waste between aircraft maintenance shops, lagoons and an industrial waste treatment plant on the former Norton Air Force Base. The Air Force has prepared the dCP and ND under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This notice provides background information on the IWL and public participation opportunities.

The draft Closure Plan, issued May 1, 2001, includes proposed procedures to investigate and identify the waste residue in the IWL and surrounding soils. If approved, the dCP will define steps the United States Air Force must complete to close the IWL. DTSC would oversee all closure activities. The proposed ND decision is the result of an initial study on whether proposed procedures within the dCP would create significantly detrimental effects to the environment. A Negative Declaration (ND), as determined from examining the initial study of this dCP, signifies that there would be no such detrimental effects to the environment, if the plan was performed. Removed materials will be transported to a hazardous waste landfill in Kettlemen City. Soil samples will be analyzed for organic compounds, heavy metals and radioactive constituents.

The public can provide written comment regarding the proposed procedures and ND decision within a **30 day period beginning May 4, 2001 and ending June 4, 2001**. DTSC will consider all comments in making a final decision to approve or modify these items. <u>Please send written comments to</u>:

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The draft Closure Plan, proposed Negative Declaration and files related to Norton are available for review at the Administrative Record and Information Repository. DTSC's decision and Response to Comments will be added to both locations. Members of the public who provided comments to DTSC will be notified by mail of the decision and sent a copy of DTSC-s Response to Comments.

Administrative Record

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